

# Hongkong Telegraph

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

## BANKS.

**THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.**  
AUTHORISED CAPITAL .....\$1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED .....\$1,125,000  
BANKERS:  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.  
INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—  
For 12 Months .....5 per cent.  
" 6 " .....4 " "  
" 3 " .....3 " "  
JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

**THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.**  
Authorised Capital .....\$1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital .....\$500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—  
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shing, Esq.  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.  
H. Stollert, Esq. Chief Manager,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

**BANKERS:—**  
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.  
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.  
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [8]

**THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.**

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL .....\$2,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP .....\$251,993.15-0

**BANKERS:—**  
CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:—  
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:—  
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

**AGENCIES:—**  
PE NANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

**RATES OF INTEREST.**  
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained on application.  
For further description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [187]

## INSURANCES.

**THE STANDARD ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.**

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—

- (a)—It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.
- (b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.
- (c)—It supplies an excellent investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.
- (d)—The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application,  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents,  
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.  
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [147]

**NOTICE.**  
THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED .....\$1,000,000  
The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE:—  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.  
Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [173]

**GENERAL NOTICE.**  
THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAEIS 600,000 } \$313,313-33  
EQUAL TO .....\$313,313-33  
RESERVE FUND .....\$318,000-00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
LEE SUI G. Esq. LO YUEN MOON, Esq.  
LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER:—HO AMEL

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 10, PRAYA WEST.  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [174]

## Intimations.

**HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.**  
OWING TO REPAIRS not being completed at the Range NO COMPETITION will take place TO-MORROW.

ED. ROBINSON,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 7th December, 1893. [151]

**ITALIAN CONVENT ANNUAL BAZAAR.**

THE ITALIAN CONVENT ANNUAL BAZAAR in aid of the POOR CHILDREN will be held in the CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 14th and 15th INSTANT, at 9 A.M., and the Drawing will take place on the 16th at 10 A.M.

Purchasers of tickets are requested to return the counterfoils not later than the 8th inst., so as to avoid mistakes.

Lady Superiors earnestly solicit the support of the community on behalf of this deserving charitable enterprise.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1893. [1316]

**HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.**

A GENERAL MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held in the CITY HALL, at NOON, on FRIDAY, 22nd December, 1893.

The Committee hope that all those who take any interest in the work of the Society will be present.

F. H. MASTER,  
Acting Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 6th December, 1893. [1319]

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the

KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART MAATSCHAPPIJ,

are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading to Ports of Java, Sumatra (East and West Coast) Celebes, Timor, Sunda Islands, Dutch New Guinea, &c., &c. Bills of Lading for through Cargo from these Ports to be presented to the Undersigned for countersignature.

LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.  
Hongkong, 25th November, 1893. [1219]

**GRIFFITH'S NEW YEAR CARDS.**

WITH PHOTOGRAPHS ILLUSTRATING CHINESE LIFE and VIEWS of HONGKONG and the OUT-PORTS. Suitable Souvenirs for posting Home.

Can be had at the Studio  
2, Ice House Road and Duddell Street, or from any Booksellers.  
Hongkong, 9th November, 1893. [1222]

**RATTAN FURNITURE**  
of Every Description.  
CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS, CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c.  
Latest Patterns, Best Workmanship.

Also  
Rattan Core, Split Rattan, Canton Reed and Sundries of all kinds.  
Hongkong, 28th November, 1893. [1225]



**CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,**

**WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANTS.**  
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, LONDON AND GLASGOW.

13, Queen's Road,  
Hongkong, 24th August, 1893. [1930]

## NOTICE.

ON and after the 1st December next,

NO CHITS

will be taken in the following Hotels,  
"THE VICTORIA HOTEL,"  
"THE PEAK HOTEL,"  
"THE KOWLOON HOTEL,"  
DORABJEE NOWROJEE,  
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 26th October, 1893. [1212]

**THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS.**  
(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street.)

THE Undersigned has always thought that such a place as this was the one thing needed to fit in between HOTEL LIFE and the PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE—providing it be First-class in every detail. A place where one may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK at any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M.; or later if notice be given. He is also prepared to SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES per Menu or ORDER—the Parties sending Dishies, &c., for same—and Cash. Scale on application.

Monthly Board for One Person...\$35.00  
THIRTY  
AMERICAN FROZEN OYSTERS always on hand and served in every Style.

Breakfast .....\$0.50  
Dinner .....\$0.75  
Special Tiffin and Dinners served in Excellent Style at short notice.

W. THOMAS,  
Proprietor.  
Hongkong, 2nd May, 1893. [1218]

**PRIVATE BOARD and RESIDENCE**

**LADIES and GENTLEMEN.**

**MONTHLY BOARD** .....\$30  
**MONTHLY BOARD and RESIDENCE**...\$55  
Apply to  
Mrs. MATHER,  
Nos. 3 & 5, PRINCE'S HILL.  
Hongkong, 11th November, 1893. [1290]

## Intimations.

**W. POWELL & CO.,**

A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF  
**OIL PAINTINGS.**

ETCHINGS, STEELOGRAPHS, MOUNTED PHOTOS, CHROMOS, PRINTS, &c., &c.

NEW STOCK OF  
**GLACIER WINDOW DECORATIONS.**

**W. POWELL & CO.**

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1893. [16]

**W. BREWER.**

XMAS CARDS for HOME MAILS of 9th, 15th and 25th—  
NATIVE HAND-PAINTED on RICE PAPER.  
NATIVE HAND-PAINTED MOUNTED, with PIDGIN ENGLISH POETRY.  
JAPANESE HAND-PAINTED CARDS.  
VIEWS of HONGKONG MOUNTED for XMAS CARDS.

LETTS' DIARIES for 1894.  
THE ANGLO-CHINESE DATE BLOCKS 1894.  
COLLINS' CALENDAR PAD and DIARY for 1894.

NEW SUPPLY LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S TENNIS SHOES, TENNIS BATS, BALLS, POLES and NETS.

**W. BREWER,**  
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,  
QUEEN'S ROAD.  
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Hongkong, 2nd November, 1893.

**KELLY & WALSH, LD.**

NOW READY.....PRICE, ONE DOLLAR.  
FOOLSCAP SIZE, THREE DAYS to a PAGE, INTER-LEAVED WITH  
BLOTTING PAPER.

THE IMPERIAL  
**ENGLISH and CHINESE DIARY**  
FOR  
1894.

with the Dates in ENGLISH and CHINESE, and Special localised Information.

ALSO  
THE IMPERIAL  
**ENGLISH and CHINESE DATE-BLOCK,**  
Printed in RED and BLACK, with space for Memoranda.

PRICE.....75 CENTS.

**KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,**  
PUBLISHERS.  
Hongkong, 28th November, 1893. [17]

**HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY.**

IN OUR  
**GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT**  
WILL BE FOUND A LARGE SELECTION OF

MERINO, CASHMERE and WOOL SOCKS,  
MERINO, CASHMERE and WOOL VESTS and PANTS,  
CARDIGAN JACKETS and VESTS,  
KID, SUEDE, WOOL and LINED GLOVES,  
WHITE SWEATERS (all sizes).

**J. P. COTTAM,**  
MANAGING PARTNER.  
[1296]

Nos. 1 to 7 D'Agular Street,  
Hongkong, 30th November, 1893.

**THE HONGKONG HOTEL.**

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pender's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Office.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers. THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied. HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continuously on duty.

**R. TUCKER,**  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 17th November, 1893. [1208]

**CARMICHAEL & Co., LD.**

ARE now showing a very fine selection of CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS, CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE, CREMES, CALLARD and BOWSER'S BUTTER, SCOTCH, EVERTON, TOFFEE, RUSSIAN TOFFEE and ALMOND ROCK, TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS, ALBUMS, suitable for Christmas presents, and a very large selection of PHOTO FRAMES.

**CANADIAN PRODUCE.**  
McLAREN'S GLASS JAR CHEESE.  
SALTED SALMON .....40 cents per lb.  
SALMON BELLIES .....50 cents per lb.  
SALMON STEAKS (1 lb. tin) .....40 cents per tin.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1893. [129]

## Auctions.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
CHRISTMAS SALE OF WINES, SPIRITS, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by  
**PUBLIC AUCTION,**  
TO-MORROW

(SATURDAY), the 9th December, 1893, commencing at 2.30 P.M.,

A QUANTITY OF  
WINES AND SPIRITS  
in lots to Suit Purchasers,  
Comprising:—

CHAMPAGNE in quarts and pints, CLARETS, PORT, SHERRY, HOCKS, FINE OLD SCOTCH WHISKY, BRANDY, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued previous to Sale. On view from Friday, the 8th instant.

TERMS OF SALE:—Cash on delivery.  
GEO. P. LAMMERT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 6th December, 1893. [1330]

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by  
**PUBLIC AUCTION,**  
ON

TUESDAY, the 12th December, 1893, AT 2.45 P.M.,

at his SALE ROOMS, Queen's Road, SUNDAY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

Comprising:—  
TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE,  
BEVELLED GLASS OVERMANTEL, PICTURES and ORNAMENTS,  
MARBLE-TOP CENTRE & SIDE TABLES, CHEFFONIER,  
BLACKWOOD CABINET and CURIO STANDS,  
CARPETS and HEARTH RUGS,  
EXTENSION DINING-TABLE, SIDEBOARD, WHATNOTS, BOOK-CASE and WRITING TABLE,  
CROCKERY, GLASS and PLATED WARE,  
DOUBLE BRASS BEDSTEAD, DOUBLE and SINGLE IRON BEDSTEADS,  
DOUBLE and SINGLE WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASS DOORS, MARBLE-TOP BUREAU with GLASS, DRESSING TABLE, and MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS,  
TWO SHIP'S MEDICINE CHESTS with MEDICINE, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 7th December, 1893. [1331]

**Masonic.**

**ST. JOHN LODGE**  
OF HONGKONG,  
No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on TUESDAY, the 12th instant, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1893. [1327]

**DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA.**

THE EIGHTEENTH REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA, will be held in the Masonic Hall, Zealand Street, on FRIDAY, the 29th December, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1893. [1329]

**Shipping.**

**STEAMERS.**

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.  
THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG."  
Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 10th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAIRRAIR & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 7th December, 1893. [1332]

"MILBURN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"HANKOW."  
Captain West, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 11th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 4th December, 1893. [1300]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"OCANPO."  
Captain Price, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about TUESDAY, the 19th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 7th December, 1893. [1415]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Steamship

"GLAMORGANSHIRE."  
Captain Jackson, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about THURSDAY, the 22nd instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 7th December, 1893. [1391]

## Shipping.

**STEAMERS.**

**EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.**

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.  
(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND Ports and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"MENMUIR."  
Captain Craig, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 9th instant, at Daylight.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has large Cooling Chambers, thus ensuring a supply of Fresh Meat, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1893. [1311]

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).

THE Steamship

"PROTON."  
Captain H. Johansen, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 9th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
KING WO CHEONG,  
No. 32, Praya Central.  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1893. [1323]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE, Fiume, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT and AFRICAN PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

"VINDOBONA."  
Captain P. Mera, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 9th instant, instead of as previously advertised.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3 P.M. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to  
C. ZANELLA,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 4th December, 1893. [1297]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"CARMARTHENSHIRE."  
Captain VVyvyan, will be despatched as above on or about SATURDAY, the 9th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 1st December, 1893. [1305]

"UNION" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"ETHIOPE."  
Captain Wankel, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about SATURDAY, the 9th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SHEWAN & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 6th December, 1893. [1294]

**SAILING VRSSELS.**

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. I. British Ship

"MACMILLAN."  
Guthrie, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
SHEWAN & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 5th December, 1893. [1324]

**Consignees.**

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
FROM SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"VINDOBONA."  
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon on the 14th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 14th instant, will be subject to risk.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
C. ZANELLA,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 7th December, 1893. [1297]

**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
NOTICE.  
CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship  
"CITY OF PEKING."  
The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, in order

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

CONFECTIONERY, &c.

WE have just received our New Stock of CONFECTIONERY and are offering the same at prices suitable for the present bad times:

CHOCOLATE CREMES.

PATES D'APRICOT.

CHOCOLATE ALMONDS.

FANCY BOXES OF SWEETS of various kinds from 2 Dollars to 25 Cents.

SUGARED ALMONDS.

BURNT ALMONDS.

MIXED SWEETS.

TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS.

CIGARETTE CASES, CIGAR CASES, CARD CASES.

In SILVER, ELECTRO, SNAKE SKIN, RUSSIAN LEATHER, &c.

CIGAR & CIGARETTE HOLDERS, PIPES.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1893. [1304]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

WE INVITE ATTENTION TO OUR STOCKS

OF

CONFECTIONERY

AND

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUTTER

SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFEES,

DRAGEES, FRALINES,

and a large selection

of

PURE CONFECTIONERY

from the leading Manufacturers.

CADBURY'S SPECIAL

CHOCOLATE CREMES.

PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, LIME, GUAVA,

and other

FRUIT JELLIES

in great variety.

TOM SMITH'S

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.

COLOURED OPALS

MOUNTED IN PLUM,

representing favourite subjects.

A Large Assortment of

ENGLISH AND JAPANESE CHRISTMAS

CARDS,

of handsome and artistic designs, suitable to all tastes and at moderate prices.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED,

The Hongkong Dispensary.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 3rd November, 1893. [15]

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1893.

THE SANITARY BOARD JOB.

In its issue of November 21st the Hongkong Telegraph notified that Mr. A. H. RENNIE, Acting Superintendent of the Sanitary Board, had found it convenient to resign that office, and predicted that neither Mr. W. E. CROW, the Government Analyst, nor Mr. C. V. LADD, the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, would receive the vacant appointment. As a matter of fact we plainly stated that the nominee of the Government was Mr. E. A. RAY, an outsider in no way connected with the Public Service but who had been for some time clerk in the office of Mr. GRANVILLE SHARP, of philanthropic and land-grabbing renown. This was two days prior to the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board, and our statements were ridiculed as being absurd and unwarranted. They were, nevertheless, absolutely true. When the Board met on November 23rd, an application was received from Mr. GRANVILLE SHARP, Inspector of Nuisances, for the post vacated by Mr. RENNIE. To this application Mr. J. J. FRANCIS, Q.C., had appended this minute:—"Mr. Crow is to my mind the only fit and proper person to hold the acting appointment." The following conversation then took place:—

The President (Mr. H. F. May)—I propose that we forward this application to the Government.  
Mr. Ede—Who makes the appointment?  
The President—The Governor in Council.  
The Acting Registrar-General (Mr. A. M. Thomson)—It rests with the Governor, but can ask the opinion of the Sanitary Board on the matter.  
Dr. McKeel—Could Mr. Crow take the appointment now? He was not able to do so when Mr. Rennie was appointed.  
The Colonial Surgeon (Dr. Ayres)—Yes, he could take it now because the assistant analyst and apothecary has arrived.  
Mr. Ede—Mr. Crow was once before Acting Secretary for a long time—twelve months

think—and he did it very well. I suppose we had better send this application to the Government without any comment.  
In due course Inspector GRANVILLE SHARP's application was forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, and shortly after the Governor's return from Shanghai last week, a report became current that the expressed wishes of the members of the Sanitary Board had been ignored by Mr. RAY's appointment as Mr. HUGH McCALLUM's successor.  
At the meeting of the Board held yesterday this letter from the Colonial Secretary which had previously been circulated amongst the members was read:—

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 1st November, 1893.  
Sir—I am instructed to acquaint you for the information of the Sanitary Board that the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Edward Albert RAY to be the Acting Sanitary Superintendent and Acting Secretary of the Board from the 1st proximo during the absence of Mr. McCALLUM from the Colony or until further notice.  
His Excellency has been guided in his selection of Mr. RAY by the consideration that he is, by his professional training and experience, specially qualified for the post, and that he will be able to devote the whole of his time to the duties of the office.  
(Signed), G. T. M. O'Brien,  
Colonial Secretary.

The President,  
Sanitary Board.  
To this communication the following minutes were appended:—  
Dr. Cantlie—I am sure all members of the Board will welcome Mr. RAY. Considering, however, that the Board thought it incumbent to discuss the matter at the last meeting, I am surprised that the appointment was made without the knowledge of the Board. Either the Board exceeded its duty by discussing the question at all, or it has been slighted by the method of appointment.

Mr. J. J. FRANCIS, Q.C.—I intend to call the attention of the Board of the grave discourtesy to the Board involved in the action of the Government therein.  
And Mr. FRANCIS accordingly did 'call the attention of the Board' by moving that, in acknowledging Mr. RAY's appointment, the Colonial Secretary should be informed "that the Board very much regrets that His Excellency should have departed from all precedent in appointing Mr. RAY without any previous communication with the Board." In support of the motion Mr. FRANCIS contended that a Board entrusted with such serious responsibilities ought to have, if not the selection and ultimate appointment of its own officers, at least something to say before any such appointment is made; and strongly expressed the opinion that in this matter the Government had been guilty of grave discourtesy. As the Colonial Surgeon, Dr. CANTLIE, Dr. HO KAI, and Mr. J. D. HUMPHREYS were absent from the meeting, it is not very surprising that the learned Q.C. failed to find a second, as anything in the shape of consistency, especially when opposed to Government House influence, could hardly be expected from such a colourless public representative as Mr. NATHANIEL J. ENX.

The above is an exact history of all that is publicly known of what even the Governor's most ardent admirers—if he has any—must admit to be an inexcusable and paltry piece of official jobbery. His Excellency excuses the selection of Mr. RAY by what he is pleased to term "the consideration that he is by his professional training and experience specially qualified for the post, and that he will be able to devote the whole of his time to the duties of the post." Mr. RAY's professional training and experience in Hongkong amount to some three years service on the staff of Mr. GRANVILLE SHARP's patent office stools—no more and no less. It has been stated, and we see no reason to question the statement, that in early life Mr. RAY was trained as a surveyor; but surely that is no sufficient qualification for a Sanitary Inspector? And it stands to reason that he could not have been much of an expert in the surveying line, when he came out to Hongkong as a mere clerk even to such a liberal and open-handed employer as Mr. G. SHARP. But what the Sanitary Board and the public wanted and had a right to expect, was an officer thoroughly acquainted with sanitary science and and practical sanitation. The Public Works Department can supply all the surveyors required by the Board. It is well known that during the twelve months Mr. W. E. CROW formerly performed the duties of Acting Superintendent he gave complete satisfaction to all concerned—in fact, a high Government official, who is a prominent member of the Sanitary Board, did not hesitate to say that Mr. CROW was more efficient than the substantive holder of the appointment. And yet in face of all this and ignoring the claims of years of active service, a deserving and capable member of the Service is thrust to one side to make room for an outsider, who has to thank backdoor influences for his good fortune. The whole thing is a barefaced job.

TELEGRAMS.

THE ITALIAN CABINET AND THE SITUATION.

LONDON, December 8th.  
The new Italian Ministry implies neither political nor financial confidence, and it is believed that Signor Zanardelli will resign forthwith, King Humbert deeming the Cabinet incompetent to deal with the situation, which is daily becoming graver.

THE UNITED STATES TARIFF.

The new American tariff will add fifty millions of dollars to the already existing deficit of twenty-eight million dollars.

THE FRENCH MINISTRY.

PARIS, November 28th.  
President Carnot is still trying one after another of the political leaders, but cannot get one to form a cabinet. This afternoon he was called on by M. Raynal.

November 28th.  
M. Carnot has asked M. Spuller to form a Ministry.

November 30th.  
M. Spuller has undertaken to form a Cabinet, taking the Foreign Office himself, with M.

Raynal as Minister for the Interior and M. Burdon for Finance.

December 1st.  
M. Spuller has failed to complete his Cabinet, and M. Camille Perier has taken his place as leader and Foreign Minister, with M. Burdon (Finance), Raynal (Interior), Spuller (Education), Dubouche (Justice), Gen. Mercier (War), Admiral Laforet (Marine) and Delcasse (Colonies).

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE rice crops around Kanbure, Siam, are reported to be not nearly so promising as those of last year, and owing to increased lawlessness and a general feeling of insecurity, business has fallen off considerably.

As the bank failures in Australia a Colonial fisherman recently delivered himself of the following chunk of wisdom: "The Post-office Savings Bank is the best, because you can bank your money to-day, give a week's notice and take it out to-morrow."  
"A.R." omitted to send his name and address along with his communication, which accordingly found a safe resting place in the waste-paper basket; but, anyhow, we have had enough of the dandy to-day, for the present. And enough is as good as a feast.

ADVICES from Batavia state that a fire broke out on the 22nd ult. in a petroleum store owned by Chinese and reported to contain 60,000 cases. The building and contents were said to be insured by English companies. The amount of the damage had not been ascertained when the steamer left.

THE German steamer *Ingraham*, on her arrival at Singapore on the 27th ult., reported having passed the British four-masted ship *Samal*, off Hongkong, in the Straits of Karimata on 2nd, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, which was to be repaired all week. The *Ingraham* also reported having met the *Samal* on 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, which was to be repaired all week. The *Ingraham* also reported having met the *Samal* on 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, which was to be repaired all week.

Of the numerous diaries for 1894 which have reached this office, we have seen none which, for practical usefulness in an office in Hongkong or the Chinese ports, equals "The Imperial English and Chinese Diary and Almanac" published by Kelly and Walsh, Ltd. This is a foolscap size diary, with three days to the page, and is interspersed with blotting paper, its contents in the way of useful information would require a column of this journal to adequately describe, and as we cannot afford that space, it is sufficient to say that no such diary at the price (\$1.00) has ever been offered to the public in this part of the world.

DURING the past two months the fluctuations in the price of rice have been considerable in Hongkong and Canton, owing at one time to the threatening attitude of the French at Bangkok whence a large portion of the supplies for the local market are drawn, and latterly to it being known that the autumn crops of the neighbouring provinces of Kwangtung, which several of last year's crops were lost, would be a failure, and turned out a dismal failure, with the supplies from Tonkin, Bangkok and Yangtze ports, although well up to the average, do not make up for the deficiency in what are regarded as purely local crops. At present "first" are selling at \$2.25 per picul, "seconds" at \$2.15, and "commons" at \$1.85 to \$1.90 per 100 catties, at which rates the market is firm, with every prospect of a gradual rise from seven to ten per cent. during the next two months. Holders of stocks are looking forward with confidence to a very happy (Chinese) New Year. As regards the teaing millions of the neighbouring provinces the outlook during the coming winter is bleak in the extreme, and it is to be hoped that the native authorities will take time by the forelock and fill up their granaries with all possible speed.

We note that our enterprising friend Mr. Annot Reid of the *Straits Times* has taken to printing on the wrappers in which he sends his rag-fort to the world, the impudent falsehood that the *Straits Times* has the largest circulation of any newspaper in Asia, British India excepted. Does the modestly styled "only" journalist in the *Far East* imagine that any one of his readers believes such a palpably superficial lie? Does he imagine that his paper benefits a single catty by a claim that on the face of it is utterly ridiculous? Is he even strike the Editor and print proprietor of the *Straits Times*, should any advertiser refuse to pay upon the ground that his advertisement was given on the *London Standard* of the false statement that the circulation of the *Straits Times* was actually as stated, that if he went into court to sue for the money, he would get the worst of the deal and obtain a notoriety that would be anything but enviable? There are half a dozen English newspapers in Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan with larger circulations than the *Straits Times*, and there are two if not three, with more than twice the circulation of the *Straits Times* in Singapore and the Straits. It is a pity that our friend Mr. Reid should make our brother Editor a fair sporting offer to test the validity of his boasted supremacy, but he, like Brier Rabbit, found it convenient to "lay low." That offer is still open. Come up to time, Annot—or "about up" without exposing yourself to further criticism.

OUR Shanghai morning contemporary has lately developed "Our Own Correspondent" in Hongkong, whose identity is easily recognized. This gentleman's method of manufacturing "special correspondence" is by 'taking up' in his own inimitable style the news and gossip published in the local press. He sometimes tries his hand at originality, of which the following is a startling specimen:—

"The tiger scare is being started again. That some beast of prey of the feline tribe, probably a panther or leopard, is roaming the island, seems pretty well established. Several persons, including a well-known resident not at all given to imagination, have seen a large animal cross country roads and plunge into the jungle, and Indians and Chinese also report seeing it, the latter bringing stories of the disappearance of dogs and pigs from the villages. The beast is reported to have been seen by some squatters near Aberdeen and on the side of Mount Kellett, and foot-marks apparently of a large animal have been found in the garden of a house at the Peak. But the foot-marked man is very wary, and is evidently not easy to track. Some organized effort should, however, if there is a chance of getting on his trail, be made, for he may (if dog and pig grow scarce) turn his attention to children, and the reports concerning his appearances have made some grown persons rather nervous. The animal that attacked the little girl at Tyam and mangled her so badly some eighteen months back has never been discovered, and the creature reported to have been seen in various districts lately is generally connected with that event. Personally I have not been favoured with a glimpse of this interesting feline, though I have seen deer and wild cats on several occasions. Badgers have recently been seen on the hills, and one very deliberately crossed the Bower Road yesterday (November 23rd) in front of a pedestrian."

We should like to know when and where this not very original correspondent saw deer on the hills.

We are informed by the Agent of the Austrian Lloyd's S. N. Co. that the Company's steamer *Gilda*, from Trieste, left Singapore for this port last evening.

We read that Mr. Alexander, the Secretary of the Anti-Opium Society, has accompanied the Opium Commission to India. When the Commission has completed its labours in India and Burma, Mr. Alexander will proceed to the Straits Settlements and China, in order to study the Opium question in those countries on the spot. The expenses of the entire journey will be borne by a fund privately raised, and will not come out of the general funds of the Society.

We are indebted to the *North China Daily News* for a reprint of "Shanghai: Past and Present," with a full account of the recent fete and the Model Settlement. The pamphlet is clearly printed and will be useful as a work of reference fifty years hence. The photographs, representing the Rev. Wm. Mulholland delivering his Jubilee oration might have been better, but still, we can pick out a few well known 'old Shanghai hands' in the crowd.

ACCORDING to Tokyo papers, Lieut. Kaburagi, who was in command of the *Chishima Kan* when the P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Ravenna* sent that ill-fated warship to the bottom of the Island Sea last year, has again set himself into trouble. It will be remembered that the Japanese Government held Lieut. Kaburagi blameless for the loss of the *Chishima Kan* and immediately promoted him to an important post at the Yokosuka Naval Station. It appears that on the 22nd ult. the gallant Lieutenant was in command of a fleet of thirteen torpedo boats, cruising in Tokyo Bay. The boats anchored in four fathoms off the village of S-makawa (the large town of Chiba is a short distance inland), and a large number of officers and men were permitted to go ashore to the village of S-makawa to Japanese fashion. At 11 p.m. on the night of the 23rd, according to the Tokyo papers as reported in the *Japan Advertiser*, a strong S.W. breeze came up and gradually increased to a violent tempest, the small anchored vessels were exceedingly dangerous on account of the high wind, the heavy sea, and the proximity of the shore. As most of the commissioned officers were ashore, the whistles and sirens of the boats were kept going continuously, but the signals were drowned by the noise of the storm, or the men on shore were unable to get off, and at length in the confusion one of the boats, No. 5, (120 feet in length and manned by 20 officers and men) was rammed by another and sank at once. The crew were saved by the rest of the squadron, the officer in command remaining unscathed for some time after being rescued. The accident took place about 3,000 yards from the beach. Capt. Araki, Commander of the *Yokosuka*, proceeded to the scene of the casualty with the view of raising the vessel.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. E. F. Aickroyd, Puisne Judge.)

December 8th.

THE DAY OF JUDGMENT.  
His lordship to-day disposed of a number of suits which have been under consideration for some time. Details of the cases have already been published; the decisions were as follows:—

PIGS AND "BLUE FUNNELS."

Cheung Fat Hup claims from the Ocean Steamship Company the sum of \$483.20, value of 16 pigs shipped on board the steamer *Nisus* at Hongkong on about the 27th August, 1890, for conveyance to Hongkong, and which have not been delivered. The cargo was lost, and it is that these pigs were jettisoned by the master to save the ship from capsizing when she grounded on a bank in the Haiman Straits a few hours after leaving Hongkong. There is no dispute about the fact that the pigs were shipped, and that, together with about 350 others, they were thrown overboard by the Captain three hours after he left Hongkong. According to his evidence he was proceeding through the Haiman Straits, when the pilot put the steamer ashore on the West Bank. There was a strong current running at the time, the ship went broadside on to the bank and heeled right over till her lee rail was under water and remaining in that position some of the pigs fell overboard, the rest slid down to leeward when for 16 pigs of the ship and all concerned, he ordered them all to be thrown overboard. Mr. Reece argues that the *Nisus* was not put forward the plea that the pigs were jettisoned to save the ship, but that they were thrown overboard to save the ship from capsizing when she grounded on a bank in the Haiman Straits a few hours after leaving Hongkong. There is no dispute about the fact that the pigs were shipped, and that, together with about 350 others, they were thrown overboard by the Captain three hours after he left Hongkong. According to his evidence he was proceeding through the Haiman Straits, when the pilot put the steamer ashore on the West Bank. There was a strong current running at the time, the ship went broadside on to the bank and heeled right over till her lee rail was under water and remaining in that position some of the pigs fell overboard, the rest slid down to leeward when for 16 pigs of the ship and all concerned, he ordered them all to be thrown overboard. Mr. Reece argues that the *Nisus* was not put forward the plea that the pigs were jettisoned to save the ship, but that they were thrown overboard to save the ship from capsizing when she grounded on a bank in the Haiman Straits a few hours after leaving Hongkong.

AN UNSATISFACTORY CASE.  
In the suit of Kwong Y against Lau Wing, on a promissory note signed by defendant's partner before he joined the firm, judgment was given for defendant, with costs. There had been a good deal of lying in the case. Notice of appeal was given.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE OPIUM RACKET.

Sir—In Monday night's issue I see you publish a paper which has been signed, as defendant, by a number of leading missionary societies in reference to the opium trade in China. In that precious document it is stated that "We are surprised to find that a portion of the public Press has endorsed a statement made by an official witness before the Royal Commission, to the effect that the missionary body in China, having failed to make converts among the Chinese, find it convenient to lay the blame on the opium traffic, rather than refer to the true cause, which lies nearer home."  
It is only now, towards the close of the 19th Century, that these missionary societies have become surprised! When they got hold of you they would doubtless again be surprised to find that you have proved their "honest" allegations to be as false as their professions are unwarranted.

OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1893.

unnecessary for me to consider the question raised as to the necessity for the production of the mate's receipt or the deliverability of the copy of it which the defendants have sought to put in evidence. Judgment for defendants with costs.

A PROMISSORY NOTE.

Leung Hai Hui, a poultry dealer in the Central Market, sued the Chai Un shop for the recovery of the sum of \$130, the amount of a promissory note signed by Chai Man To and chopped as guarantee for payment by the defendant. The plaintiff states that Chai Man To was indebted to him in the sum of \$400, but he made a compromise with his creditors under which plaintiff was to receive 90 cents and the promissory note now sued on. He asked Chai Man To for a guarantee. He asked he could get the guarantee at the Chai Un shop. Accordingly they both went there and one A Un chopped the guarantee. The defendant pleads that he did not effect the chop, that the note was not signed, that it was a bad debt, and no consideration was given for the guarantee. Assuming, for the sake of argument, that the story of the plaintiff is true, that he gave up part of his claim on condition of receiving this guarantee, this would constitute a sufficient consideration. The question is whether the defendant really chopped this guarantee. The only evidence of this is the statement of the plaintiff and, considering the nature and circumstances of the transaction, and the evidence produced, I am of opinion that it is not sufficient. Judgment for the defendant with costs.

LANDLORD AND TENANT.

Tang Heng Tai and another claim from Luk Ping Nam, alias Luk Chun, the sum of \$125 for rent of premises No. 153 Queen's Road West from 20th July 1893 to 17th November 1893 at \$45 per month, plus one month's rent in lieu of notice. Luk Chun, the defendant who has been served with the writ, and who appears in Court, says his name is not Luk Ping Nam, and that he never rented or occupied the premises above mentioned. Plaintiff states that on or about 13th June, 1890, the defendant came to him in the Un Cheong shop, which is next to 153 Queen's Road West, and of which Tang Akum, plaintiff's brother, is master; and that the defendant agreed to take the ground floor of No. 153 for \$25 per month plus taxes; and that he gave the defendant a small rent book. Defendant is the master of the Wing On shop, Jervois Street, and is a dealer in second-hand clothes. The shop opened in No. 153 was called the Wing Tai, and was also a second-hand clothes shop. Plaintiff states that he knew the defendant before, knowing the premises to him by the name of Achun, but he told plaintiff his name was Luk Ping Nam, and to put the name Luk Ping Nam on the Registration Roll; and that he saw the defendant every now and then at the Wing Tai. Tang Hai corroborates the plaintiff's statement that defendant came to the Un Cheong and agreed to take No. 153 for the Wing Tai, and that he had seen the defendant occasionally in the Wing Tai. He saw an old man always there, but does not know his name, nor does he know the names of any of the other managers or accountants. Luk Chun, the defendant, says he is the master of the Wing On in Jervois Street; that he never rented or occupied the shop in question; that an old man named Luk Ping Nam came down from Canton to open some business, and stayed at the Wing On; that he one day took him to Queen's Road West and pointed out No. 153, which was then vacant, as a likely shop to begin his business in; that he (defendant) was not present when the terms were settled, and had nothing to do with the matter. He states that his name is not Luk Ping Nam, and that he has never had any share in the Wing On since the first time he was applied to for the rent of the Wing On; that he one day took him to Queen's Road West and pointed out No. 153, which was then vacant, as a likely shop to begin his business in; that he (defendant) was not present when the terms were settled, and had nothing to do with the matter. 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brought out for the occasion a salute of 21 rounds was fired but to the surprise of none of them were reported to be any worse for the ordeal—the guns, of course, I mean.

Our "defenders on the deck" the *Diu* and the *Benue*, are away on a cruise the object of which does not seem to be generally known, but it is thought the "Powers that Be" were much concerned lest they should stick fast in the mud at their anchorages, and so sent them to sea for a cruise. They were only lying some five miles off and had they grounded out there ignorant people might possibly have found it "it was on account of the scarcity of water or the presence of too much mud; any way such a trivial point would have been taken advantage of for the purpose of casting unneighbourly aspersions on the harbour authorities. This would have been most unfair. Driveling operations are being carried on with great energy and it is confidently expected that the largest steamers will soon be able to get within a distance of at least ten miles of the harbour.

A very big Joss parade was held in St. Joseph's Church the other day, to celebrate the Feast of the Martyrs, and was largely attended by the faithful. Two Spanish generals—rather Bishops, were present, and the collegiate band played appropriate music. The show was a very effective one.

Approaching the forenoon: the gun-powder and sulphur monopoly is the absorbing topic of conversation here especially among the Chinese merchants. What terms the Governor intends to make is not known, but it is to be hoped that a satisfactory understanding will be arrived at, for, if the Chinese throw up their hands and fold the shutters be put up and the Dead March played.

A telegram was received here yesterday announcing the appointment of Mr. Horta e Costa as Governor of Macao, and the news has been received with favour in all quarters. Five or six years ago this gentleman was resident in the colony and filled the post of Director of Public Works, but he resigned the position for the purpose of representing Macao in the "Cortes" of San Paulo. Whilst here he was exceedingly popular and worked hard in the interests of the community. As a Deputy he also had the confidence of the public and some time back was re-elected by an overwhelming majority. Mr. Horta e Costa is probably the youngest Governor yet appointed to Macao, for he is but 28 or 29 years of age. Senor da B. J. leaves almost immediately for Lisbon; it is even doubtful whether he will spend Christmas here or not. There is, however, one rather important question that it would be well for him to settle before handing over the reins of government: that of the reduction of postal rates. It has been under consideration for some time, but no definite conclusion has yet been arrived at.

There is to be a grand procession here to-morrow, which is the anniversary of the day of the immaculate conception. It is more than probable that a number of pilgrims from your island will pay us a visit for the occasion, so if any suspicious characters go a-missing be not too hasty in your conclusions as to vanishing performances.

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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

December 5th.  
His Excellency the Viceroy of Minchi is expected here very shortly on his annual tour of inspection, consequently the local officials, both civil and military, are busily engaged in their preparations for his reception. The troops in the forts and encampments are being drilled daily from dawn to mid-day, and the drill ground presents an animated and interesting spectacle. The "braves" are put through all manner of evolutions, many of which would puzzle and perplex a modern Major-General, and the ranks are being drilled with the utmost precision. The custom-guards in the parks are being drilled with all possible speed, and it seems probable that the numbers on the roll and actually in the ranks may be made to almost agree by the time his Excellency puts in an appearance. One good result from this sudden demand for men, however, is that a large number of bootmakers and cut-throats of the worst type have been "recruited" and are now strangers to their accustomed haunts—namely, to the relief of their more honest and respectable neighbours. I regret to say, though, that this sudden burst of military zeal is likely to result in interference with our race meeting, on account of the course being required by the authorities for daily drill. Trainers have fallen back on the sandy beach which runs close by for exercising their ponies, but although the sand is all very well for slow work it does not permit of "picking" being made and being tested. It is hoped, however, that the Viceroy will have come before the end of the current month if not our meeting will be a sorry matter.

While matters military may be mentioned that Colonel Liu Wan Chung has been ordered back to Fochow. The reason for his recall was a slight difference of opinion between himself and Admiral Yang as to the wholeness of the up-keep of a battery of men, too strong, required by the latter. Colonel Liu made a reputation for himself by being a scrupulously honest and independent officer, and when the Admiral approached him for the purpose of forming a Committee of W. Y. and Means (under the roof), with characteristic politeness Liu pointed out that as the Admiral was drawing full allowance for the said 100 men from the Imperial exchequer, he was clearly his duty to account for the same. Ricci ensued and honest Liu found it convenient to "skip" or in other words, to humiliate his recall arranged. He has been succeeded by a Mr. Soong, who has the advantage of his predecessor's experience to guide him in his dealings with the redoubtable Yang.

The late Mr. Yang on the part of the Taoist (a request to all the foreign consuls here to supply him with a list of the number of their respective nationals who as missionaries are resident in the interior of the province. What his Excellency's motive for this step may be we are not to be seen, but it is claimed that his intention is to frame measures for their better protection. That there is any necessity for this is not at all apparent just now, for during the past few years there has been but one instance of trouble between the missionaries and the people, and that was a trivial case which was speedily settled by the British Consul here.

What at first promised to be a disastrous conflagration broke out at Messrs Tait & Co's house on the Bund, on the 26th ult., but luckily the fire was discovered before it had got a good hold on the building. Three manual fire engines were sent to the spot and it did not take the firemen long to locate the centre of the fire, which was in one of the tea-rooms of the house. Mr. Robt. Bruce and other willing hands did yeoman service in directing the operations of the volunteers, composed principally of Customs officers, and the European and Chinese constables of the Bund. To them is due the credit of having promptly extinguished what would otherwise have been a disastrous fire and it is to be hoped that their services will be acknowledged in a fitting manner. As it was, a few master racks and beams were burnt, but the damage probably does not amount to more than three thousand dollars.

Not to be behind the times, Amoy has also furnished a "vanishing act" article in the person of the Treasurer of the Taoist's office. He was always a person of "go" and he has carried out

the role to the extent of "gone," leaving a large paper for the disposal of his creditors to say nothing of a big deficit in his official accounts. The "D. put" of Foreign Affairs in Kiangsoo has been appointed to succeed the missing one.

Considerable stir has been caused here by the institution of criminal proceedings against a resident of Kiangsoo but as the case is *sub judice* for their reference may not be made to it at present.

It is announced that two large tanks for the storage of kerosene oil are about to be erected on Koa Sze, or Monday Island. This is inside the Amoy harbour, about one mile west of Kiangsoo and one-and-a-half mile south-west of the city. The novelty of the idea seems to please the natives but grave doubts are expressed as to the expediency of oil-tanks in such close proximity to the city.

There is but little tea left in the market and the business of the season may be said to be over. It was reported here to-day that the *Galle* would call in for the last of the shipments to the United States but on this point I am not certain.

It is reported that all the Queen's Counsel in Hongkong are coming to invade us next week. Messrs. Laprak, Cass & Co. and one of the native banks had some misunderstanding about the lawful ownership of a lot of opium. I hardly understand the case, but it appears that "opium wars" have passed from one to another, perhaps through a hundred different merchants, and now one of these has got into difficulties and his creditors claim the opium, though the "title-deeds" have left him long ago. That may not be quite the correct version, however; but it is as near as I can get to a comprehension of the case. Anyhow, though the amount in this suit is not great, it is a test case, and there is said to be a very important point at issue, whether the above version is right or wrong; and Messrs. Laprak, Cass & Co. have sent for Mr. Leach, your new Q.C., to assert their rights, while the Chinese, acting through Mr. St. J. Edwards, have retained the veteran Francis to defend; both are expected here on Tuesday, in the *Hallong*, and the case has been set down for hearing in the Consular Court on Wednesday, after several adjournments.

#### HAIPHONG NOTES.

(FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Haiphong, December 6th.  
Messrs. Marty and d'Abadie's hardihood river steamer *Dragon*, which has just been considerably enlarged, went for a trial trip to-day, and there was a most enjoyable *flûte* held in connection with the event. The owners are the general managers of the Subsidised River Steamboat Service as well as the Tonkin Steam Navigation Co., and at their patent ship at Haiphong the *Dragon* was lengthened by fifteen feet, besides having numerous other improvements effected. The whole staff of employees, both ashore and afloat, received invitations on behalf of the firm from M. d'Abadie, M. A. R. Marty being unfortunately detained by business in Hongkong. The *Dragon* started on her trial trip, with a merry party on board, at 7 a.m. and made for Hongay, where the wharf, godown, and other establishments of the (7) Company were inspected. After a brief stay, the holiday-makers re-embarked and were taken to view the wonderful beauties of Haiphong Bay. Few persons have any idea of the marvellous sights which abound here, and which, it is not too much to say, would be amply worth a journey all the way from Europe, let alone Hongkong or Hiphong.

*Dejeuner* was served early in the day, in most appropriate style, in the splendid saloon of the *Dragon*, arranged in a manner which called for warm commendation from the guests, recalling the magnificent American river boats. The whole party was in the very best of spirits, quite *en famille*, and was brightened by the presence of comely dames and charming maidens, whose *physique* and personal attractions are a credit to Tonkin.

The *Dragon*, though 135 ft. in length, only draws 4 ft. The trip was rapid, according to the conditions of the Government subsidy, is 9 miles an hour, but on her trial she developed 11, under the able direction of Mr. W. Jack, chief engineer.

Messrs. Marty & d'Abadie's staff will long retain pleasant recollections of this most enjoyable day, and no doubt will count it as one more among the many encouragements given them by their popular employers, to support the "three stars diagonal"—Patriotism, Industry, and Loyalty.

#### NEWS BY THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamship *Lightning* Capt. J. G. Spence, arrived in harbour this forenoon. We extract the untitled items from our C. C. letters exchanges:—

MADRAS, November 10th.  
The accident on the Madras Railway yesterday, would appear to have resulted in a larger loss of life than was previously reported. The information received to-day, states that 42 persons have been recovered and more are in the debris. The line is completely blocked for 60 yards, and the ground is a complete swamp, rendering the clearing work very difficult. The train was telegraphed from end to end. The wharf was due to the tremendously heavy weather on the Nigritia. No blame can be attributed to anyone.

BOMBAY, November 13th.  
Mr. J. D. Silva, head cashier to Messrs. W. and A. Graham & Co., has been charged at the Police Court with breach of trust on a sum of Rs. 11,244.

November 14th.  
Dr. Cowasjee Hormusji, who has served 23 years on the Municipal Corporation, and is at present Chairman of the Standing Committee, has been appointed Sheriff for the ensuing year. The gun boat *Sphinx* arrived here yesterday from Bussorah. After being docked she will return to the Persian Gulf.

CALCUTTA, November 14th.  
Lord Brassey, Chairman of the Opium Commission, arrived at Madras this morning *en route* to Calcutta. In the course of an interview he said that the report would be completed not later than the middle of February. He did not think it would be necessary for the Commission to visit the Madras Presidency. He repudiated any personal responsibility of saddling India with the cost of the Commission, and stated the determination of himself and the members to limit the expenditure and not push the enquiry vigorously. They were not going to travel in pomp and luxury. He personally, and he believed the other members, would make no demand for travelling expenses. He should be surprised if any extravagant recommendation were made of any charge in the present policy. He hoped that the indirect result of their labours would be an enquiry into the means of alleviating the burden of home charges.

GNATONG, November 14th.  
The Chinese Amban arrived at one o'clock today *en route* to Drilling, accompanied by Deputy Amban Mr. H. Comandore. Shodun-Tudal, and two other officers and about one hundred followers. He received a salute of three guns from the Fort. Snow was falling heavily and continues.

RANGOON, November 15th.  
A local paper says that the negotiations on the Burmo-Chinese frontier are practically

complete. The general result is that the British remain in possession of the disputed territory north of Bhamo. China receives compensation in the shape of some remote Shan states over which Burma has suzerainty. In a few days two British officers and an escort leave Bhamo for one of the points in dispute with the Chinese official recently arrived in Bhamo. This is the Huku-gate, one of the three so-called "Gates of China" which China says have been hers from time immemorial. The paper concludes "the main result of the settlement is that the Chinese frontier is pushed forward in the direction of the French possessions, and that China gets nothing worth having north of Bhamo."

The Royal mail steamer *China* arrived here to-day from Calcutta with the Whitehorse Regiment, and she leaves for Calcutta on the 20th instant with the Cornwall Regiment.

A number of Shan chiefs arrived here to-day for the Viceroy's visit.

BOMBAY, November 15th.  
A private wire has been received to-day intimating that the office and warehouse of Messrs W. and A. Graham, at Manchester, have been burnt down. The total damage done is not yet known, but the premises were fully insured.

November 16th.  
H.M.S. *Marathon* has arrived from Tylecomalee for the purpose of paying off, and will remain till February. Since leaving Bombay in May last, she has visited the Seychelles and Mauritius where her crew rendered great assistance in extinguishing the great fire there on the 23rd of July.

RANGOON, November 16th.  
Cholera has broken out among the Chin chiefs and their followers who have come to Rangoon to meet the Viceroy. One chief and his attendant died on Monday, and other followers died yesterday, and now a Chin chief and one of his followers have succumbed. The preparations for the Viceroy's reception on Saturday are practically complete. Saturday will be a public holiday.

MADRAS, November 16th.  
Lord Wenlock has appointed Mohamed Hassan Ali, Khan Bahadur, son of the late Sir J. J. Bahadur of the Kurnool family, to the Mohamedan seat in the Legislative Council in succession to Mr. Humayun Jah, who goes to Calcutta.

BOMBAY, November 17th.  
Mr. Harry John, well known and much esteemed broker here, in descending the stairs of the Bombay Club, accidentally fell, sustaining a fracture of the skull. He was immediately conveyed to the European Hospital, where he died this morning.

LONDON, November 17th.

An influential deputation of the Council of the East India Association attended Lord Elgin to-day in the India Office and advocated the reduction of home charges, the extended employment of natives, the development of the railway policy, the relaxation of the restriction of the Behar Survey to the Councils, and deprecated tampering with the Permanent Settlement.

DEAFNESS COMPLETELY CURED! Any person suffering from Deafness, Noise in the Head, &c., may learn of a new, simple treatment, which is proving very successful in completely curing cases of all kinds. Full particulars, including many unalloyed testimonials and newspaper press notices, will be sent post free on application. The system is without doubt, the most successful ever brought before the public. Address, Aural Specialist, Albany Buildings, 39, Victoria Street, Westminster, London, S.W.

THIS EVENING in the large Dining Room at the VICTORIA HOTEL, the Professor will give his farewell entertainment. Doors open at 8.45, the performance to begin at 9 o'clock.

Prices reduced to \$1 for front and fifty cents for back seats.

Seats may now be secured at the Victoria Hotel.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1893. [1334]

A GRAND LIVING WAX WORK EXHIBITION.

"LA HACIENDA," MOUNT KELLEY, THE PEAK, IN AID OF

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TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON, 9th December, From 3 to 5.30 o'clock.

The Band of the Shroveton Light Infantry, by kind permission of Colonel Robinson and Officers, will play a selection of Music.

Tickets \$1 each can be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., and the Rev. A. GURNEY GOLDSMITH, also at the doors.

Children and Nurses will be admitted at half-price.

Special Trains will be run during the afternoon, and the Managers of the Tramway Co. have kindly offered to grant holders of tickets for the above Exhibition a reduced fare of 30 cents for the return trip.

HONGKONG SMOKING CONCERT CLUB.

THE SECOND CONCERT of the Season will be held TO-MORROW, the 9th December, at 9.15 P.M., in the THEATRE ROYAL, A. G. WISE, Esq., in the Chair.

REMEMBER TICKETS AT THE DOOR.

JAMES A. LOWSON.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1893. [1335]

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1893. [1337]

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1893. [1338]

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1893. [1339]

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COMMODIOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.  
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LA PERLA DEL ORIENTE CIGARS.  
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Hongkong, 2nd December, 1893.

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Co-day's Advertisements.

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1893. [1336]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1893. [1339]

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1893. [1340]

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Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893. [1044]

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1894. [1406]

Intimations.

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Mr. P. H. Wheeler, the Superintendent of the Company, has been for many years engaged in developing watch-making machinery, and the testimonials from his former employers testify to his business ability, skill, and integrity. The machinery of which the founders are possessed has been perfected under his superintendence and a considerable part thereof is of his invention.

Besides the Machinery, the founders are possessed of ten thousand watches in various stages of completion which are the outcome of the said Machinery; and material on hand sufficient to turn out about twenty-five thousand more. It will thus be seen that it is not an untitled plant which the founders have acquired, but one which has already given proofs of its excellence. It was only the advantage of obtaining a cheaper labour market than can be found in the United States that has induced them to work the business in Japan.

It is an established fact that the principal factories in the United States in seven years paid 300 per cent. dividend on a capital of Six Million Dollars; and that was done on a wage basis of \$1.50 (gold) per operative, the factories employing six thousand hands. If the difference in the rate of labour in this country is taken into consideration the operations of the Company will be assured to realize to the full the expectations of the founders. The profits of watch-making are based entirely on the price of labour. It is not in the labour market only that an advantage will be obtained. Coal and other materials can be purchased in this country at a lower rate than in the United States. And besides all these advantages, which are great, there is one of still greater importance, the knowledge to be obtained of the requirements of the local trade, of the trade for China, and that of "The Straits" and India. The Company will be capable of supplying a watch of the best workmanship to the population of these large and important countries at a price far below any watch of like character that has ever been offered to these markets.

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